

*In the Claims*

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of acquiring vehicle data from a vehicle data bus, the method responsive to the execution of a telematics application on a local telematics unit, the application including requests for vehicle parameter data, the method comprising the steps:

accessing a local vehicle library in response to the request for vehicle data, the local vehicle library carrying out the steps comprising

retrieving vehicle data bus information from a database that stores data bus information for a plurality of different makes of vehicles, the retrieved vehicle data bus information being associated with the make of vehicle on which the telematics application is executed;

extracting vehicle data from the vehicle data bus using the vehicle data bus information, the vehicle data corresponding to the requests for vehicle parameter data;

interpreting the retrieved vehicle data; and

providing the interpreted data to the telematics application to satisfy the request for vehicle data.

Claim 2 (Original): A method according to claim 1 wherein the step of retrieving comprises:

establishing a wireless link to a remote server;

accessing a vehicle database with the remote server; and

downloading vehicle data bus information to the local vehicle library from the remote database.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 2 wherein the step of using further comprises passing the vehicle data bus information to a ~~protocol~~ protocol driver.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 1 wherein:

the telematics application ~~program~~ comprises a vehicle diagnostics application program.

Claims 5-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (New): A method of acquiring vehicle data from any of a plurality of different vehicle makes, comprising:

accessing a database that stores data bus information for a plurality of different vehicle makes;

querying the database to retrieve data bus information for a particular vehicle make; and

extracting vehicle data from a vehicle data bus using the vehicle data bus information.

Claim 10 (New): A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the step of extracting comprises passing the data bus information to a protocol driver.